

## Yellowstone County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

School Age	American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone	Black Alone	Alaska Native Alone	Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female
5 to 9	7,775	3,746	76	34	437	206	72	45
10 to 14	8,382	4,044	70	33	485	240	89	35
15 to 19	8,549	4,191	60	24	400	202	83	46
20 to 24	8,717	4,441	70	26	332	168	71	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,423</b>	<b>16,422</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>164</b>
							<b>1,101</b>	<b>555</b>
								<b>2,116</b>
								<b>1,004</b>

Working Age	American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone	Black Alone	Alaska Native Alone	Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female
15+	101,180	52,470	498	178	2,924	1,560	719	407
15-64	83,542	42,139	456	159	2,766	1,465	645	359
20+	92,631	48,279	438	154	2,524	1,358	636	361
20-64	74,993	37,948	396	135	2,366	1,263	562	313
							<b>1,077</b>	<b>559</b>
								<b>2,695</b>
								<b>1,294</b>

Other Age Group	American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	White Alone	Black Alone	Alaska Native Alone	Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female
0 to 4	7,477	3,609	47	11	509	261	50	23
5 to 19	24,706	11,981	206	91	1,322	648	244	126
20 to 44	42,180	21,365	287	103	1,659	877	385	203
45 to 64	32,813	16,583	109	32	707	386	177	110
65+	17,638	10,331	42	19	158	95	74	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,814</b>	<b>63,869</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>4,355</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>510</b>
							<b>2,401</b>	<b>1,222</b>
								<b>5,119</b>
								<b>2,474</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.

Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.

## Top 20 Private Employers in Yellowstone County Listed in Alphabetical Order

Advanced Personnel Services	Deaconess Billings Clinic	St. Johns Lutheran Home
Albertson's Food & Drug	ExxonMobil	St. Vincent Healthcare
Better Business Systems	First Interstate Bank	Sysco Food Services
Billings Gazette	Food Services of America	Wal-Mart
Cenex	Interstate Brands/Sweetheart Bakery	Wells Fargo
Computer Claims Administration	JTL Group Inc.	Yellowstone Treatment Centers
Conoco	Rocky Mountain College	

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau  
Third Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state, and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.



**Cities and Towns in Yellowstone County**  
 Acton ■ Ballantine ■ Billings ■ Broadview ■ Custer  
 Huntley ■ Laurel ■ Pompeys Pillar ■ Shepherd ■ Worden



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Located in south central Montana, Yellowstone County is Montana's most populous with 134,717 residents, according to the 2004 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau. Billings, the county seat, is the state's largest city with a population of 95,220, according to the 2003 estimates.

The 2003 Employment by Industry table on the inside shows Billings is Montana's largest trade and service center, especially in the business services, health care, and professional services sectors. Billings is often the first Montana city to attract new national retail chain stores and restaurants.

The health care industry comprises 16 percent of the total private employment and nearly 21 percent of the total 2003 annual wages paid in Yellowstone County. The 2003 average annual health care industry wage of \$37,113 was 30 percent more than the total private average wage of \$28,586 for the same year. According to a spokesperson for St. Vincent Hospital, 4,339 patients from **outside** Yellowstone County used their facility in 2004 (doesn't include out-of-state patients). A Deaconess Hospital spokesperson said half of their patients are from Yellowstone County and half are from outside.

The average wage per job in the manufacturing industry in 2003 was \$42,038, nearly 50 percent greater than the private average annual wage. The leading manufacturing sectors providing the higher wages are: food production, oil refineries, chemical production, and fabricated metal production. Although the railroad industry isn't included in the industry table (since it isn't part of the unemployment insurance program), its economic impact on the county is substantial. According to detailed information from the two railroad companies, in 2003, it was estimated the two companies had 640 employees in the county and about \$26 million for payroll.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Yellowstone County households in 2002 was \$39,712, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income is the average per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is all income in the county divided by the number of people in the county. Total personal income for Yellowstone County in 2003 was nearly \$4 billion, double the amount of 20 eastern Montana counties combined.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1883. The Yellowstone River, the authors say, was called by early French trappers, Roche Jaune for "yellow rock." Pompeys Pillar, a national historic landmark located 28 miles east of Billings on Interstate 94, was originally called Pompy's Tower by Captain William Clark. The authors add he named it after Sacajawea's son Baptiste, whom he called "Little Pomp." And Billings was named for lawyer, philanthropist and former Northern Pacific Railroad President Frederick Billings.

## Yellowstone County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004	7/1/2003	7/1/2002	4/1/2000	Census	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Census	Census	2003-2004	2002-2003	2000-2004	2000-2003	1990-2000
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%
Yellowstone County	134,717	133,191	131,834	129,352	113,419	1.1%	1.0%	4.1%	3.0%	14.0%
Billings	NA	95,220	93,882	89,847	81,151	NA	1.4%	NA	6.0%	10.7%
Broadview	NA	150	150	150	136	NA	0.0%	NA	0.0%	10.3%
Laurel	NA	6,292	6,278	6,255	5,686	NA	0.2%	NA	0.6%	10.0%

## 2000 Yellowstone County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Yellowstone	County of Work	# Who Live in Yellowstone
	County	County	County
Out of State	538	Out of State	664
Big Horn County	260	Big Horn County	207
Carbon County	1,117	Carbon County	115
Cascade County	58	Cascade County	56
Custer County	32	Fergus County	33
Deer Lodge County	31	Gallatin County	138
Gallatin County	47	Lewis & Clark County	38
Golden Valley County	96	Missoula County	49
Lewis & Clark County	35	Musselshell County	33
Musselshell County	271	Rosebud County	112
Park County	44	Silver Bow County	44
Silver Bow County	30	Stillwater County	417
Stillwater County	803	Sweet Grass County	53
Sweet Grass County	40	Treasure County	23
Yellowstone County	62571	Yellowstone County	62,571
Other Montana counties	306	Other Montana counties	144

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.

## Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Person 16 Years and Older-Yellowstone County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	65,512	33,977	31,535
<i>Management, professional, and related occupations:</i>	20,334	10,047	10,287
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	7,951	4,708	3,243
Management, except farmers and farm managers	4,850	3,024	1,826
Farmers and farm managers	695	555	140
Business and financial operations occupations:	2,406	1,129	1,277
<i>Professional and related occupations:</i>	12,383	5,339	7,044
Education, training, and library occupations	3,347	811	2,536
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	3,475	1,064	2,411
<i>Service occupations:</i>	10,919	4,011	6,908
Protective service occupations:	956	800	156
Food preparation and serving related occupations	4,256	1,791	2,465
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	1,879	927	952
Personal care and service occupations	2,282	352	1,930
<i>Sales and office occupations:</i>	20,164	7,554	12,610
Sales and related occupations	9,640	5,356	4,284
Office and administrative support occupations	10,524	2,198	8,326
<i>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</i>	441	360	81
<i>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</i>	5,944	5,784	160
Construction and extraction occupations:	3,265	3,188	77
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	2,679	2,596	83
<i>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:</i>	7,710	6,221	1,489
Production occupations	3,150	2,244	906
Motor vehicle operators	2,304	2,001	303
Material moving workers	1,664	1,457	207

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, [www.census.gov/eeo](http://www.census.gov/eeo) 2001.



## Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, job projections, and hourly pay by occupation, contact our office at:

P.O. Box 1728 Helena, MT 59624

Phone: (406) 444-2430/Fax: (406) 444-2638 Toll Free: (800) 541-3904

Or check out our website at:

[www.ourfactstourfuture.org](http://www.ourfactstourfuture.org)

Be sure to check our location quotients for Yellowstone County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Yellowstone County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient greater than 1 generally indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Yellowstone County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Yellowstone County than in the nation as a whole.

## Resources

### Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at: <http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

### Chambers of Commerce:

Billings Chamber, 815 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59107-1177, 406-245-4111, <http://www.billingschamber.com>  
Laurel Chamber, 108 E. Main, Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-8105, <http://www.laurelmontana.org>

### Department of Labor and Industry:

**Billings Job Service Workforce Center**  
2121 Rosebud Drive Stop B, Billings, MT 59102, 406-652-3080, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/billings/>  
**Billings Unemployment Claims Telephone Center**  
P. O. Box 30697, Billings, MT 59107-0697, 406-247-1000

### Economic Development:

**Big Sky Economic Development Authority**, 222 N. 32nd St., Suite 200, Billings, MT 59101, 406-256-6871  
**Montana Business Incubators**, 100 Poly Dr., Billings, MT 59101, 406-657-2138  
**Regional Development Office**, Montana Department of Commerce, Billings, MT 59102, 406-655-1696.  
Please send e-mails to: [aljonesrd@bresnan.net](mailto:aljonesrd@bresnan.net)

**Cynroc, Inc.**, 2475 Village Lane, Suite 300, Billings, MT 59102, 406-652-0227

### Housing Costs:

Billings Association of Realtors, 1643 Lewis Ave., Suite 12, Billings, MT 59102, 406-248-7145

### Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>  
For information on the Internet about the cities and towns of Acton, Ballantine, Billings, Broadview, Custer, Huntley, Laurel, Pompeys Pillar, Shepherd, and Worden, go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

### Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Billings Exam, 615 B S. 27th, Billings, MT 59101, 406-896-4327

### Newspapers:

**Billings Gazette**, P.O. Box 36300, Billings, MT 59107-6300, 406-657-1200, 800-543-2505, <http://www.billingsgazette.com>  
**The Billings Outpost**, 1833 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59105, 406-248-1616, <http://www.billingnews.com>  
**The Billings Times**, 2919 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101, 406-245-4994  
**Yellowstone County News**, P.O. Box 395, Huntley, MT 59037, 406-348-2649  
**Laurel Outlook**, P.O. Box 278, Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-4412, <http://www.laureloutlook.com>

### Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Montana State University-Billings, 1500 University Drive, Billings, MT 59101-0298, 406-657-2158, 800-565-6782, <http://www.msubillings.edu>  
Montana State University Billings College of Technology, 3803 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59102, 406-247-3000, <http://www.cot.msubillings.edu>  
Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102, 800-877-6259, <http://www.rocky.edu/newweb/>  
Yellowstone Baptist College, 1515 S. Shiloh Road, Billings, MT 59106, 800-487-9950, <http://www.yellowstonebaptist.edu>

## Yellowstone County Employment by Industry\* Annual Averages 2004

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Average Annual Wages Paid
<b>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	5621	70540	\$2,162,146,387
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	5512	62229	\$1,846,928,617
<b>AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING &amp; HUNTING</b>	40	280	\$5,949,846
Crop production	8	47	\$1,337,412
Animal production	21	188	\$3,365,268
Agriculture & forestry support	11	Non-Disclosable	
<b>MINING</b>	50	318	\$19,756,785
Oil and gas extraction	17	98	\$9,106,714
Mining, except oil and gas	4	10	\$330,350
Support activities for mining	29	210	\$10,319,721
<b>UTILITIES</b>	16	367	\$21,769,445
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	710	4027	\$143,056,715
Construction of buildings	219	994	\$31,437,105
Heavy and civil engineering construction	67	897	\$40,826,159
Specialty trade contractors	424	2136	\$70,793,451
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	197	3424	\$146,536,399
Food manufacturing	31	624	\$19,871,741
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	6	146	\$4,779,762
Textile mills	1	Non-Disclosable	
Textile product mills	4	38	\$991,009
Apparel manufacturing	2	Non-Disclosable	
Leather and allied product manufacturing	1	Non-Disclosable	
Wood product manufacturing	8	104	\$2,588,931
Paper manufacturing	1	Non-Disclosable	
Printing and related support activities	20	289	\$7,665,750
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	6	797	\$62,148,039
Chemical manufacturing	6	106	\$5,016,058
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	2	Non-Disclosable	
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	13	177	\$6,181,193
Primary metal manufacturing	2	Non-Disclosable	
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	21	401	\$14,137,133
Machinery manufacturing	14	186	\$6,542,266
Computer and electronic product mfg	3	9	\$381,367
Transportation equipment manufacturing	7	120	\$4,479,182
Furniture and related product mfg	18	127	\$2,983,525
Miscellaneous manufacturing	31	247	\$7,778,691
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b>	463	5125	\$198,033,144
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	276	3156	\$122,735,466
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	124	1647	\$65,282,119
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	64	322	\$10,015,559
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>	735	9462	\$216,151,153
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	127	1612	\$55,917,415
Furniture and home furnishings stores	53	453	\$12,918,726
Electronics and appliance stores	43	330	\$7,357,277
Building material & garden supply stores	69	954	\$23,998,858
Food and beverage stores	45	923	\$19,151,466
Health and personal care stores	35	258	\$6,394,493
Gasoline stations	56	530	\$8,697,427
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	87	681	\$9,011,277
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	62	524	\$8,620,126
General merchandise stores	25	2226	\$44,229,151
Miscellaneous store retailers	120	848	\$16,838,193
Nonstore retailers	14	124	\$3,016,744
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING</b>	221	2572	\$76,837,294
Air transportation	10	300	\$10,688,793
Truck transportation	131	1176	\$39,244,881
Transit and ground passenger transport	9	255	\$4,740,566
Pipeline transportation	7	33	\$2,415,876
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	1	Non-Disclosable	
Support activities for transportation	41	411	\$9,778,034
Couriers and messengers	18	376	\$9,430,931
Warehousing and storage	4	22	\$536,580
<b>INFORMATION</b>	105	1314	\$45,374,534
Publishing industries, except Internet	23	367	\$13,162,217
Motion picture, sound recording industry	9	117	\$2,128,982
Broadcasting, except Internet	16	291	\$10,009,504
Internet publishing and broadcasting	1	Non-Disclosable	
Telecommunications	37	494	\$17,949,425
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	20	Non-Disclosable	
Other information services	0	0	\$0
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	325	2850	\$128,821,072
Credit intermediation & related activity	104	1678	\$67,541,722
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	60	Non-Disclosable	
Insurance carriers & related activities	160	803	\$32,331,611

### Public Libraries:

Parmly Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101-1196, 406-657-8257  
 Laurel Public Library, 720 W. 3rd St., Laurel, MT 59044-0068, 406-628-4961

### Yellowstone County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Billings Public Schools, 415 N. 30th St., Billings, MT 59101, 406-247-3780  
 Blue Creek Elementary, 3652 Blue Creek Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-259-0653  
 Broadview Public Schools, P.O. Box 147, Broadview, MT 59015, 406-667-2337  
 Canyon Creek Elementary, 3139 Duck Creek Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-656-4471  
 Custer K-12 Schools, P.O. Box 69, Custer, MT 59024, 406-856-4117  
 Elder Grove Elementary, 1532 S. 64 St. W., Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-2893  
 Elysian Elementary, 6416 Elysian Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-656-5431  
 Huntley Project K-12 Schools, 1477 Ash St., Worden, MT 59088, 406-967-2540  
 Independent Elementary, 2907 Roundup Road, Billings, MT 59105, 406-259-8109  
 Laurel Public Schools, 410 Colorado Ave., Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-8623  
 Lockwood Elementary, 1932 U.S. Highway 87, Billings, MT 59101, 406-252-6022  
 Morin Elementary, 8824 Pryor Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-259-6093  
 Pioneer Elementary, 1937 Dover Road, Billings, MT 59105, 406-252-5215  
 Shepherd Public Schools, P.O. Box 8, Shepherd, MT 59079, 406-373-5461  
 Yellowstone Academy Elementary, 1732 S. 72nd St. W., Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-2198

## Yellowstone County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian		Unemployment	
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
2004	75,766	73,195	2,571	3.4%
2003	71,871	69,453	2,418	3.4%
2002	70,842	68,342	2,500	3.5%
2001	68,508	66,233	2,275	3.3%
2000	71,209	68,578	2,631	3.7%

Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

## Yellowstone County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	1,279
Oilseed & Grain Farming	81
Vegetable & Melon Farming	4
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	2
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	19
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	347
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	436
Cattle Feedlots	53
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	10
Hog & Pig Farming	11
Poultry & Egg Production	4
Sheep & Goat Farming	53
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	259

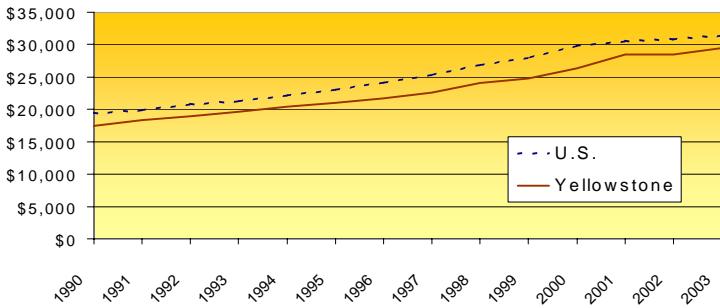
Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	1	Non-Disclosable
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	246	\$28,306,833
Real estate	190	\$12,974,891
Rental and leasing services	48	\$9,095,710
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	8	\$6,236,232
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	564	\$147,467,038
<b>MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES</b>	21	\$7,783,166
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	273	\$81,823,535
Administrative and support services	260	\$77,881,970
Waste management and remediation service	13	\$3,941,565
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	40	\$11,546,343
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	452	\$392,259,686
Ambulatory health care services	265	\$107,646,241
Hospitals	4	\$218,869,209
Nursing and residential care facilities	40	\$44,212,361
Social assistance	144	\$21,531,875
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	132	\$21,206,755
Performing arts and spectator sports	24	\$2,003,137
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	7	\$1,312,982
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	102	\$17,890,636
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	384	\$85,481,076
Accommodation	50	\$14,590,525
Food services and drinking places	334	\$6260
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	535	\$68,636,721
Repair and maintenance	197	\$38,303,963
Personal and laundry services	101	\$11,970,974
Membership associations & organizations	171	\$168,088,173
Private households	67	\$1,273,611
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	110	\$315,217,770
Local Government	31	\$161,932,187
State Government	18	\$46,669,809
Federal Government	61	\$106,615,774

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) \*This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.

## Yellowstone County Per Capita Personal Income

### Per Capita Personal Income



Year	% of		Year	% of		
	U.S.	Yellowstone County	National Average	U.S.	Yellowstone County	
2003	\$31,472	\$29,421	93%	1996	\$24,175	\$21,675
2002	\$30,804	\$28,420	92%	1995	\$23,076	\$21,002
2001	\$30,575	\$28,499	93%	1994	\$22,172	\$20,384
2000	\$29,847	\$26,404	88%	1993	\$21,346	\$19,619
1999	\$27,939	\$24,774	89%	1992	\$20,854	\$18,978
1998	\$26,883	\$24,097	90%	1991	\$19,892	\$18,358
1997	\$25,334	\$22,595	89%	1990	\$19,477	\$17,464

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.